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P 0555.14107

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Title: **RING SLICER WITH EASILY REMOVABLE KNIFE AND KNIFE ASSEMBLY**

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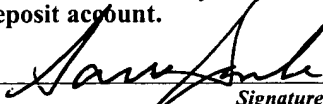
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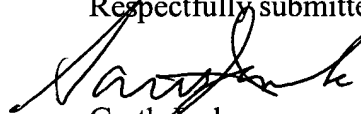
Remarks

The non-English language references cited in the attached IDS were located by a foreign patent office in one or more corresponding foreign applications. The Search Reports citing the foreign language references are also enclosed and copies are provided. No translations have been obtained, so the Examiner is being provided all the information that is known to applicant(s).

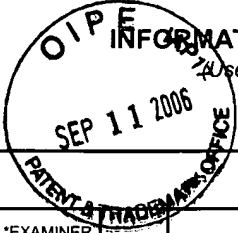
Concise Statement

All that is understood about the relevance of these references is (a) what is stated in English in the Search Reports, and (b) what is shown in the drawing(s).

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